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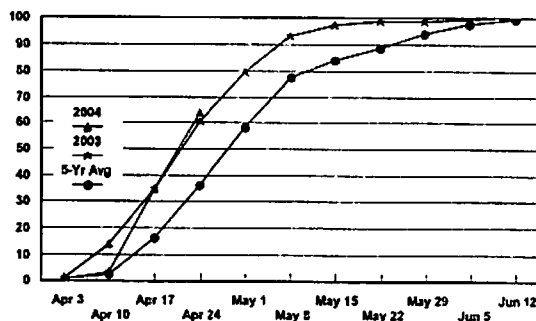
Agricultural Summary

Warm, sunny weather at the beginning of last week allowed farmers 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork. Temperatures ranged from 1 to 2 degrees above normal during the week. The ideal conditions permitted many farmers the opportunity to finish up corn planting. During the latter part of the week, cool weather and light rainfall halted fieldwork. Topsoil moisture was 1 percent very short, 9 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus. Corn planted advanced to 64 percent complete, compared to 61 percent last year, and 36 percent five-year average. Corn emerged is at 16 percent, compared to 14 percent last year, and 6 percent for the five-year average. Soybean planting is at 2 percent, one behind last year, and equal to the five-year average. Sorghum planting moved to 7 percent, compared to 3 percent last year, and only 1 percent five-year average. Oats planted this year are equal to last year at 96 percent complete, compared to 89 percent for the five-year average. Winter wheat is 1 percent headed, compared to 2 percent last year, and 1 percent five-year average. Winter wheat condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 9 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 16 percent excellent. Activities last week included tilling, fertilizer and chemical applications, spring planting, tending livestock, and spring calving.

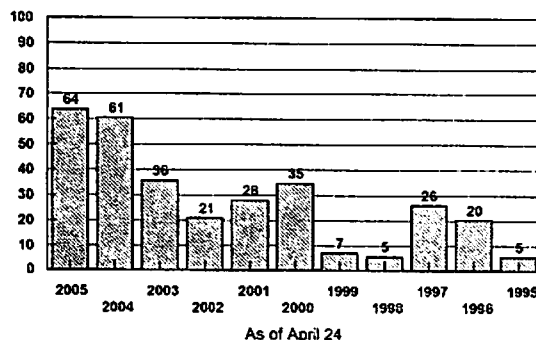
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2005	: 2004	: 5-Year Average
April 24			
CORN:			
Planted	64	61	36
Emerged	16	14	6
SOYBEANS:			
Planted	2	3	2
SORGHUM:			
Planted	7	3	1
WINTER WHEAT:			
Headed	1	2	1
OATS:			
Planted	96	96	89

**Corn - Percent Planted
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Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	:	Very Short	:	Topsoil Moisture		
					Short	Adequate	Surplus
	April 18 - 24				April 24		
Northwest	4.7		3		25	71	1
Northeast	4.5		1		11	82	6
West	3.7		-		5	78	17
Central	4.2		1		13	82	4
East	3.2		-		1	80	19
W Southwest	3.9		1		14	79	6
E Southeast	4.3		-		3	87	10
Southwest	4.2		-		4	64	32
Southeast	4.2		-		-	74	26
State	4.1		1		9	78	12

Crop Conditions

Crop	:	Very Poor	:	Poor	:	Fair	:	Good	:	Excellent
						April 24				
Winter Wheat	:	1		9		23		51		16
Alfalfa	:	-		2		21		64		13
Red Clover	:	-		1		14		74		11
Pasture	:	-		3		24		60		13

Crop Progress by Districts

District	:	Corn Planted	:	Corn Emerged
				April 24
Northwest		49		4
Northeast		42		4
West		74		26
Central		71		23
East		62		9
W Southwest		87		43
E Southeast		62		12
Southwest		72		20
Southeast		54		12

Weather Information Table

Location	Maximum	Temperature Minimum	Departure	Precipitation	Growing Degree Days
April 18 - 24					
Northwest:					
Freeport	80	31	6	0.98	51
Kewanee	82	31	5	1.04	66
Moline	81	33	7	0.12	75
Mount Carroll	83	28	7	0.42	61
Paw Paw	82	29	6	0.51	58
Rochelle	82	30	4	0.51	58
Rockford	83	31	7	0.57	61
Northeast:					
Aurora	82	28	5	0.46	61
Chicago	83	33	6	0.67	62
Lake Villa	81	31	4	0.44	44
McHenry	82	32	5	0.29	49
Morris	83	32	6	0.37	68
Ottawa	83	31	4	0.70	69
Park Forest	84	33	6	0.73	65
West:					
Galesburg	83	31	6	0.94	70
Prairie City	83	33	6	1.75	76
Quincy	80	31	5	1.02	78
Central:					
Bloomington	88	32	5	1.02	82
Decatur	83	33	5	0.87	84
Havana	85	34	5	1.11	73
Lincoln	85	33	7	0.77	85
Peoria	82	33	6	1.19	79
East:					
Champaign	85	32	6	1.95	82
Pontiac	83	26	5	1.34	74
West Southwest:					
Carlinville	82	33	4	0.69	81
Morrisonville	83	31	5	0.72	82
Springfield	83	34	7	0.65	94
East Southeast:					
Effingham	84	34	7	0.38	89
Flora	83	34	5	0.96	91
Hutsonville	86	33	7	0.25	102
Iuka	80	34	4	0.89	92
Newton	82	33	7	0.92	90
Paris	80	31	4	0.69	81
Windsor	81	33	4	0.33	76
Southwest:					
Carbondale	83	35	5	0.73	97
Lebanon	84	36	5	2.16	92
Steeleville	84	35	3	1.24	84
Southeast:					
Benton	82	35	5	1.19	94
Grayville	82	36	4	0.73	96
Mt Vernon	82	33	5	1.08	85

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

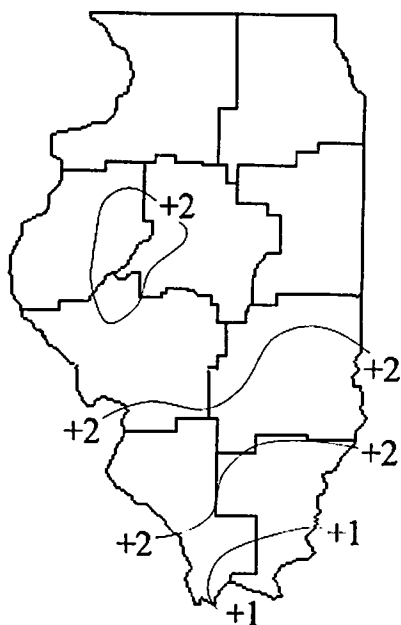
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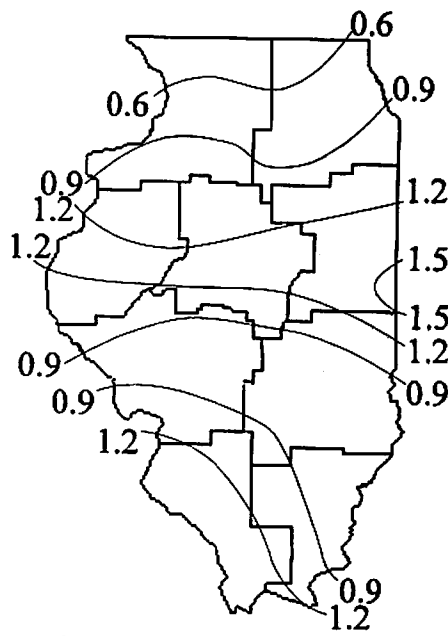
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Temperature (°F) Departure
April 18 - 24



Precipitation (in.) Total
April 18 - 24

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